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SUBJECT: FRASER SURVIVES MOTION OF NO CONFIDENCE

REF: CANBERRA 6639, CANBERRA 6593

1. SUMMARY: PARLIMENTARY DEBATE ON THE ETHICS OF
ALLEGED GOVERNMENT DECEPTION OVER THE WITHERS/ROBINSON
ELECTORAL REDISTRICTING AFFAIR CAME TO AHEAD THIS
MORNING IN A MARVELOUSLY LOUD AND CATHARTIC BLOODLETTING
IN WHICH FRASER AND HAYDEN DUMPED ALL OVER EACH OTHER,
GENERALLY AND GENEROUSLY VENTED SPEEN, AND OTHERWISE
WORKED OFF THEIR ACCUMULATED RAGE FROM THE COLD CANBERRA
WINTER. OPPOSTION LEADER HAYDEN ACCUSED THE PRIME
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MINISTER OF ECONOMIC INCOMPETENCE, POLITICAL DECEIT,
DUPLICITY AGAINST PEOPLE AND PARLIAMENT, AND OTHER
SINS WHICH HE (HAYDEN) WAS VARIOUSLY ORDERED TO WITHDRAW BY THE
SPEAKER OR SHOUTED OUT BY THE GOVERNMENT BENCHES.
PRIME MINISTER FRASER, IN RETURN, ACCUSED HAYDEN OF
LACKING THE INTELLECTUAL CAPACITY TO GO BACK TO SCHOOL,
CAST ASPERSIONS ON HIS LEADERSHIP AND HIS PARENTAGE,

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RE-HASHED THE OLD "IRAQI LOANS AFFAIR", NOTED THAT THE
ALP HAD BEEN NOT ONCE BUT TWICE DECISIVELY DEFEATED BY
THE AUSTRALIAN PEOPLE, AND NOTED IN AN ASIDE THAT HAYDEN'S
ATTACKS ON HIM (FRASER) WERE IRRELEVANT, MISLEADING, AND WORST OF
ALL, AD HOMINEM... WHEN A GOOD TIME HAD BEEN HAD BY ALL, AND
THE SHOUTING DIED DOWN, A MOTION OF CENSURE WAS PROPOSED,
PARLIAMENT SPLIT DOWN PARTY LINES, AND FRASER SURVIVED
77 TO 32. END SUMMARY.

2. IT WOULD BE A PITY TO SPOIL A GOOD SUMMARY BY ADDING
TO IT.
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